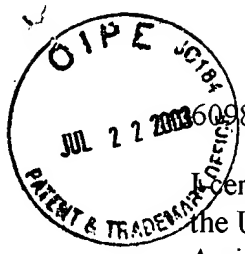


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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated 15 April 2003, kindly amend the application as follows:

Please cancel claims 1 and 3 without prejudice.

Amend the remaining claims as follows:

2. (Twice amended) The system of claim [1] 5 which further includes liquid ink inside of said ink supply module.

4. (Amended) The system of claim [1] 5 which further includes an air leak vent in said ink supply module to allow pressure equalization with the atmosphere during shipping, or storage, or non-printing.